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—Limpricht erred in referring to *Zygodon Fosteri* (Dicks.) Mitt. Prahls material from Schleswig. This, and Warstorff's *Z. viridissimus* var. *brevifolius*, and C. Jensen's material from Jutland, are all *Z. conoideus*, which is an "Atlantic species" occurring from Norway to Spain. The ripe brood-bodies of the various species furnish a reliable means of differentiation, as they differ both in shape and color. *Z. viridissimus* has a Mediterranean form simulating *conoideus*. *Z. Fosteri* is not closely related to the others. A colored plate illustrates the various brood-bodies.

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### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

We are informed that the herbarium of the late Peter Jansen of Eisenach is for sale. This herbarium consists of two parts:—first, a working herbarium of the Mosses of central Europe, all forms save the rarest being represented by a selected specimen, no duplicates, with many specimens from noted students. Mica mounts accompany nearly all specimens, and in addition there is a very full set of drawings made from the specimens, representing the material published by Jansen in *Hedwigia*, Loeske's *Grimmiaceae* and *Iconographie*, and the *Lebermoose* of Rabenhorst's *Flora*. This portion of the herbarium fills 42 quarto cases. The second part contains most of the species mentioned in Limpricht, with many examples of each, all arranged in folio, and occupying about 18 x 2 feet. This herbarium was used for exchange and study.—E. B. C.

We have also learned that the collection of ten to twelve thousand copies of Stephani's original drawings of *Hepaticae*, made by his daughter is for sale. The originals belong to the Boissier Herbarium. The copies are pencil tracings with appropriate data. For further information regarding either collection address Dr. Johannes Buder, University Botanical Institute, Leipzig, Germany, or Dr. A. W. Evans, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.—E. B. C.

For those who are looking for a convenient holder for safety-razor blades for sectioning purposes we would recommend communication with the Gits Company, 5512 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Ill. The contrivance makes of the razor-blade a convenient pocket knife easy and safe to manipulate and inexpensive, \$1.20 per dozen.—O. E. J.

WORLD METRIC STANDARDIZATION.—A conference on World Metric Standardization was held at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa., September 6, 1922, in connection with the meetings of the American Chemical Society. At this meeting twenty-seven national scientific societies were represented by delegates. The Secretary has already published a report of the proceedings.<sup>1</sup> Physicists, chemists, and pharmacists reported that in their fields the metric system is already in general use. Medical men, however, "reported a surprising inertia on the part of physicians to make use of gram and milligram

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<sup>1</sup> W. V. Bingham. *Science*, N. S. **56**: 362. Sept. 29. 1922.

units instead of apothecaries' weight in writing prescriptions, although metric units are used in recent editions of the Pharmacopeia." Civil engineers and architects are content to use inches, feet, and miles until the public demands a change.

After discussions and readings of papers the convention adopted the following resolutions:<sup>2</sup>

It is the sense of this meeting that we favor the gradual adoption of the metric system wherever practicable.

It was voted that this body take up with the United States Bureau of Education and other agencies, a plan for the better teaching of the metric system in the schools.

Voted, that the United States Secretary of Commerce be asked to secure information as to the extent to which the metric system is actually used at present in those countries which have made its use compulsory by law; and also in those countries where its use is not obligatory.

Voted, that the system of double-marking (in both metric and old system) all goods be encouraged. (This vote was adopted by only a small majority.)

O. E. JENNINGS, Delegate from S. M. S.

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### DUPLICATE SPECIMENS FOR EXCHANGE

Among members of the Sullivant Moss Society *only*. A stamped envelope should accompany the request for the specimens:

*Parmelia coralloides* (Mey. & Flot.) Wainio, and *Parmelia proboscidea* Tayl.  
—Address Mr. S. Rapp, Sanford, Florida.

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<sup>2</sup> *Loc. cit.*